

The Campus Fire Safety Education Act

Background

Fires both on and off campuses have become all too common tragedies in this country. Since January 2000, there have been 170 college or university-related fire fatalities. Sprinkler systems and other life saving devices can only do so much to protect our young people. It is imperative that colleges and universities have the resources they need to educate their students about the importance of fire safety and help ensure fire-safe behavior during their time in college and beyond.

What the Bill Does

The Campus Fire Safety Education Act would create a new competitive Campus Fire Safety Education Grant Program at our institutions of higher education that will increase fire safety awareness among college students, help improve their fire training, and save lives.

The grant program would allow institutions of higher education to receive funding to initiate, expand, or improve a fire safety education program on their campus.

Schools can apply on their own or in collaboration with a nonprofit fire safety organization or public safety department, and may include a fraternity and sorority. Because a high proportion of student fires occur off-campus, schools will be encouraged to use these funds to educate students living both on and off-campus.

Support for the Campus Fire Safety Education Act

The Campus Fire Safety Education Act is endorsed by a number of fire safety and campus organizations, including the National Association of State Fire Marshals, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Campus Firewatch, National Fire Protection Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association, Congressional Fire Services Institute, National Volunteer Fire Council, International Association of Fire Fighters, and the Center for Campus Fire Safety. It is additionally endorsed by the National Education Association, the National Panhellenic Council, and the North American Interfraternity Conference.